

3. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker movable between an open and closed condition comprising:

a body composed of a bendable material, said body being cone shape and having a neutral surface, said body having a first end and a second end with said first end of said body being smaller than the second end of said body with said body having a smoothly converging exterior surface from said first end to said second end to form a streamline shape that inhibits snagging and propeller action as the body is pulled through a fluid;

a first curved gripping surface on said body, said first curved gripping surface undulating through said body to provide a surface free of angled corners to thereby inhibit line damping, said first curved gripping surface extending from said first end to said second end, said first curved gripping surface having at least one surface contouring protrusion, said first curved gripping surface having a portion extending proximate a geometric center of said line clamp;

a second curved gripping surface on said body said second curved gripping surface undulating through said body to provide a surface free of angled corners to thereby inhibit line damping, said second curved gripping surface extending from said first end to said second end with said second curved gripping surface including a surface contouring recess mateable with said protrusion to produce a nonlinear path through said resilient body so that when said second curved gripping surface and said first curved gripping surface coact to grasp a line located therein to prevent the slippage of the line therein as the line is squeezed and held therebetween by bending said line clamp around the line;

an integral peripheral hinge connecting the two jaws together, said peripheral hinge having a first line centering surface located at the first end of said line clamp and a second line

centering surface located on the second of end of said line clamp, said line centering surface for maintaining said line in a centered condition within said line clamp;

a recess located between said first line centering surface and second line centering surface, said recess allowing said line clamp to require less tension force necessary to open and close the jaws of said line clamp than if said recess did not exist; and

a first thumbnail recess and a second thumbnail recess located at a peripheral edge of said body, said first thumbnail recess and a second thumbnail recess extending inward sufficiently far to allow a user to insert a fingernail or a thumbnail therein.

4. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker of claim 1 wherein the body is a single continuous integral member with each of the line gripping surfaces asymmetrical but mateable with each other.

5. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker of claim 1 wherein the body is an alloy of bismuth.

6. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker of claim 1 wherein the body is finger bendable.

7. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker of claim 1 wherein the body is a continuous integral member.

8. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker of claim 1 wherein the line clamp has an exterior diverging surface and a set of jaws that extend the entire length of the line clamp.

9. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker of claim 1 wherein the line clamp is one piece and includes two asymmetrical jaws extending to a geometric center of said line clamp with said jaws are movable between an open condition and a closed condition by pivoting the jaws.

10. (Twice Amended) The bullet shaped line clamp sinker of claim 1 including a first relief on a top half of the sinker and a second relief on the bottom half of the sinker to permit a user [to insert] to insert a fingernail or thumbnail thereon to pry apart the sinker if the sinker is in a closed condition.

11. (Twice Amended) A bullet shaped line clamp sinker movable between an open and closed condition comprising:

a body composed of bendable material, said body being cone shape and having a neutral surface, said body having a first end and a second end with said first end of said body being smaller than the second end of said body with said body having a smoothly converging exterior surface from said first end to said second end to form a streamline shape that inhibits snagging and propeller action as the body is pulled through a fluid;

a first line gripping surface on a first end of said body, said first line gripping surface

a second line gripping surface on the first end of said body for mating engagement with said first line gripping surface;

a third line gripping surface on said second end of said body, said third line gripping surface spaced from said first line gripping surface;

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a fourth line gripping surface on the third end of said body for mating engagement with said third line gripping surface with said first line gripping surface and said second line gripping surface holding a line in a centered condition on the first end of the clamp sinker and the third line gripping surface and the fourth line gripping surface holding the line in a centered condition on the second end of said body;

a recess allowing said line clamp to require less tension force necessary to open and close the jaws of said line clamp than if said recess did not exist; and

a first thumbnail recess and a second thumbnail recess located at a peripheral edge of said body, said first thumbnail recess and a second thumbnail recess extending inward sufficiently far to allow a user to insert a fingernail or a thumbnail therein.
